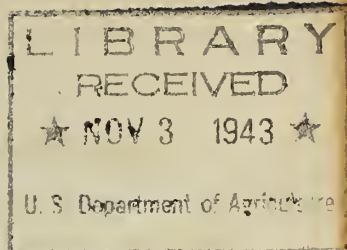


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TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF MARCH PARTICIPATION IN AMA DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Region	Food Stamp Program		Direct Distri-	School Lunch	Cotton Stamp Program	
	Participation	Blue Stamp Issuance	bution Program	Program	Participation	Brown Stamp Issuance
West	474,324	\$1,322,867.50	73,621	661,896	109,272	\$105,042
Midwest	1,019,997	2,807,842.00	813,381	1,331,041	36,682	72,535
Northeast	834,605	2,759,876.50	636,191	1,115,633	21,173	32,072
South	1,255,053/1	2,891,158.50/1	1,766,173	3,006,394	81,832	65,908
Totals	3,583,979	\$9,781,744.50	4,169,642 /2	6,188,151 /3	248,959	\$275,557

/1 Including the Virgin Islands.

/2 Including 880,276 persons in Puerto Rico.

/3 Including 73,187 children in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

SUMMARY

In March, 8 million persons in family groups including 880,000 persons in Puerto Rico participated in AMA food programs; 6.2 million children participated in the School Lunch Program. Food distributed: 315 million pounds valued at 21 million dollars.

1. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Participation: 3.6 million persons. Issuance: orange stamps, 18 million dollars; blue stamps 9.8 million dollars; per capita blue stamp issuance, \$2.73. Food purchased with blue stamps, 170 million pounds.
2. DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. Participation: 4.2 million persons in family groups; .8 million persons in institutions and special groups. Food distributed: 72 million pounds valued at 5.1 million dollars.
3. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. Participation: 6.2 million children in 93,000 schools - a new peak. Foods distributed: 73 million pounds valued at 5.9 million dollars.
4. MILK PROGRAMS. Participation: 624,000 children in School Milk Program; 140,000 families in Relief Milk Program.
5. COTTON PROGRAMS. Cotton Stamp Program: 249,000 participants; \$276,000 issuance of brown stamps, \$1.11 per person. Cotton Mattress Program; 65,000 mattresses, 85,000 comforters distributed. Supplementary Cotton Program: cumulative issuance, 17.6 million dollars to 1 million producers.

Foods Distributed in March and During the Current Fiscal Year

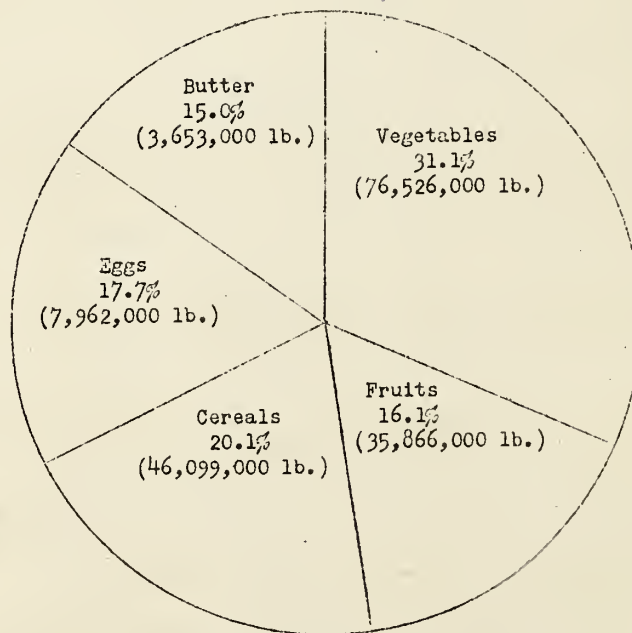
In March, it is estimated that a total of 315 million pounds of food was distributed through ARA food programs to 7.8 million persons in family groups and to 6.2 million children participating in the School Lunch Program. Of this total, 170 million pounds were purchased with blue stamps, 72 million pounds were distributed directly to families and to special groups, and 73 million pounds were distributed through the School Lunch Program. From July 1, 1941 to March 31, 1942, about 2,587 million pounds of foodstuffs have been distributed under these programs.

The Food Stamp Program

EXTENT. The Food Stamp Program was in operation in 1,305 counties and 83 city areas in March, including 81 counties opened during the month. 77 million persons, 59 per cent of the total United States population, live in operating areas. Of 5,462,000 eligible persons, 3,584,000 or 66 per cent participated. Largest number of participants were in the Southern Region.

STAMP ISSUANCE. Of \$9,782,000 in blue stamp issuance, \$190,000 more than in February, the West received 13 per cent; the Midwest, 29 per cent; the Northeast, 28 per cent; and the South, 30 per cent.

CHART 1. HOW THE BLUE STAMP DOLLAR WAS SPENT,
AND QUANTITIES PURCHASED, MARCH, 1942



Average per capita blue stamp issuance was \$2.73. Cumulative issuance July 1, 1941 through March reached 85.5 million dollars. Orange stamp issuance: 17.9 million dollars, \$5.06 per capita. "Free blue" issuance: \$61,000 to 55,000 persons, \$1.11 per capita, a decline of 50,000 persons from February as a result of recertifications.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PERSONS CERTIFIED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND VALUE OF BLUE STAMPS ISSUED, BY STATES, MARCH 1942

Region and State	Total Persons			Value of Blue Stamps Issued		
	Certified	Participating	Percent Certified Participating	This Month	Cumulative This Fiscal Year	Average Per Person
	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL	5,462,404	3,583,979	66	\$9,781,744.50	\$85,522,185.25	\$2.73
WESTERN REGION	772,020	474,324	61	1,322,867.50	12,011,200.50	2.79
Arizona	49,240	34,036	69	90,179.50	765,036.00	2.65
California	201,798	149,620	74	417,272.00	4,337,925.00	2.79
Colorado	78,500	44,750	57	125,054.00	967,165.00	2.80
Idaho	55,936	23,452	42	56,936.00	434,790.50	2.43
Montana	47,412	28,253	60	74,580.50	553,869.50	2.64
Nevada	4,006	1,899	47	5,695.00	50,871.00	3.00
New Mexico	85,273	36,852	43	69,295.00	567,000.00	1.88
Oregon	54,902	32,608	59	97,737.00	910,772.50	3.00
Utah	57,400	32,646	57	87,779.00	825,146.50	2.69
Washington	124,067	82,692	67	279,491.50	2,463,296.50	3.38
Wyoming	13,486	7,516	56	18,848.00	135,328.00	2.51
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,527,984	1,019,997	67	2,807,842.00	23,473,508.50	2.75
Illinois	201,268	139,828	70	447,816.50	4,089,842.00	3.20
Indiana	57,418	27,708	48	63,113.00	542,044.00	2.28
Iowa	117,750	87,691	74	221,765.50	1,798,658.00	2.53
Kansas	82,235	57,600	70	145,795.00	1,182,230.00	2.53
Michigan	223,315	131,048	59	384,617.50	2,758,222.00	2.93
Minnesota	233,617	162,309	70	458,652.00	3,951,733.00	2.83
Missouri	119,305	70,045	59	181,814.50	1,647,091.00	2.60
Nebraska	95,252	73,178	77	173,079.50	1,578,945.50	2.37
North Dakota	54,629	43,637	80	102,099.50	786,452.50	2.34
Ohio	194,120	131,111	68	375,345.00	3,220,839.50	2.86
South Dakota	58,409	40,991	70	104,553.00	801,955.50	2.55
Wisconsin	83,358	48,699	58	133,056.50	988,044.50	2.73
Kentucky (2 counties)	7,308	6,152	84	16,134.50	127,451.00	2.62
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,348,070	894,605	62	2,759,876.50	24,862,399.75	3.31
Connecticut	10,277	7,968	78	26,090.50	270,172.50	3.27
Delaware	5,420	2,958	55	8,405.00	79,938.50	2.84
Maine	58,707	36,163	62	83,147.50	565,840.50	2.30
Maryland	29,880	12,973	43	31,725.00	313,696.50	2.44
Massachusetts	176,917	97,859	55	320,256.00	2,895,962.00	3.27
New Hampshire	19,659	11,529	59	38,309.00	324,648.00	3.32
New Jersey	73,146	40,841	56	128,941.50	1,256,630.00	3.16
New York	639,584	476,424	74	1,715,939.00	15,519,682.75	3.60
Pennsylvania	299,681	127,020	42	347,147.50	3,096,940.50	2.73
Rhode Island	29,789	16,957	57	50,740.00	455,557.50	2.99
Vermont	4,810	3,913	81	9,175.50	83,331.00	2.34
SOUTHERN REGION	1,807,259	1,250,944	69	2,883,895.50	25,130,807.50	2.31
Alabama	51,711	37,230	72	73,369.00	863,773.50	1.97
Arkansas	229,105	141,307	62	366,414.50	2,889,610.00	2.59
Florida	107,508	67,624	63	184,542.00	1,418,460.50	2.73
Georgia	64,693	37,703	58	93,141.50	850,611.00	2.47
Kentucky	47,734	30,620	64	72,982.00	565,613.50	2.38
Louisiana	205,318	129,238	63	256,681.50	1,949,665.00	1.99
Mississippi	153,111	122,775	80	225,305.00	3,762,922.50	1.84
North Carolina	67,961	53,508	79	116,568.00	952,358.50	2.18
Oklahoma	339,441	256,332	76	590,714.00	4,956,061.00	2.30
South Carolina	33,838	19,876	59	40,911.00	390,408.00	2.06
Tennessee	82,549	55,768	68	136,107.00	1,074,049.00	2.44
Texas	408,412	286,962	70	698,546.50	5,240,063.50	2.43
Virginia	15,878	12,001	76	28,613.50	219,211.50	2.38
VIRGIN ISLANDS	7,071	4,109	58	7,263.00	44,269.00	1.77

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED VALUE, PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE, AND QUANTITY OF EACH
COMMODITY PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS - CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
AND EACH REGION /1, MARCH 1942

(Value and Quantity in Thousands)

Commodity	Unit	V A L U E		Q U A N T I T Y	
		Percent of:		Region	
		U. S.	Total Value:	U. S.	West : Midwest : Northeast : South
					West : Midwest : Northeast : South
Butter	Lb.	1,468	15.0	3,653	497 1,066 1,295 795
Eggs /2	Doz.	1,726	17.7	5,308	753 1,423 1,731 1,401
White Flour	Lb.	1,555	15.9	35,541	5,445 9,191 4,663 16,242
Graham Flour	Lb.	25	.3	480	139 189 57 95
Corn Meal	Lb.	297	3.0	8,235	628 2,062 1,071 4,474
Hominy Grits	Lb.	85	.9	1,843	58 506 470 809
Total Cereals	Lb.	1,962	20.1	46,099	6,270 11,948 6,261 21,620
Dried Beans	Lb.	618	6.3	7,082	1,144 1,532 1,338 3,008
Irish Potatoes	Lb.	1,028	10.5	36,519	4,455 12,462 9,381 10,221
Carrots	Lb.	163	1.7	3,505	498 1,216 1,004 787
Cabbage	Lb.	236	2.4	8,221	735 2,281 1,969 3,236
Other Fr. Vegetables	Lb.	998	10.2	21,199	3,099 4,930 5,934 7,236
Total Vegetables	Lb.	3,043	31.1	76,526	9,931 22,421 19,686 24,488
Dried Prunes	Lb.	227	2.3	2,030	308 642 658 422
Fresh Oranges /2	Doz.	582	5.9	2,976	548 1,075 712 641
Apples	Lb.	471	4.8	10,477	1,521 3,608 2,281 3,067
Grapefruit /2	Each	242	2.5	7,557	1,480 3,397 1,430 1,250
Pears	Lb.	54	.6	832	150 245 394 43
Total Fruits	Lb.	1,576	16.1	35,866	6,227 13,366 8,296 7,957
Total		9,775	100.0	170,106	24,055 50,955 38,134 56,962

/1 Retail quantities adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution. /2 Converted to pounds in totals.

Note: Data presented in this report are subject to revision. Blue Stamp Purchase data for the Virgin Islands are not included in this table.

BLUE STAMP PURCHASES. March purchases: 170 million pounds valued at 9.8 million dollars. Pork was removed from the list of blue stamp foods on March 1. In February, purchases of pork accounted for 23.2 per cent of total blue stamp expenditures. There was consequently an increase in March in the percentage of money spent for all other commodities: butter, from 12.3 to 15.0 per cent; eggs, from 13.9 to 17.7 per cent; cereals, from 15.6 to 20.1 per cent; fruits, from 11.8 to 16.1 per cent; and vegetables from 23.2 to 31.1 per cent. The largest share of the money released by the removal of pork was therefore spent for fruits and vegetables which are at present becoming cheaper and more abundant in many markets. (See Chart 1 for quantity and per cent of total value.)

Direct Distribution Program

EXTENT. Participation: 4.2 million persons in family groups including 884,000 in Puerto Rico and Hawaii; 54 per cent of participants in the continental United States were in the South; only 2 per cent in the West. Participation in March 1941: 8 million persons. Also participating: 553,000 persons in 1,300 institutions and organizations; 259,000 persons in household aid and demonstration projects, children's camps and recreational projects, NYA resident training camps, and others.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. Quantity: 65 million pounds to families, 7 million pounds to special groups. Estimated retail value: 5.9 million dollars. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the caseload: cereals, graham and white flour, apples, fresh grapefruit, prunes and dry beans.

School Milk and Relief Milk Programs

EXTENT. School milk participation: 624,000 children in 8 areas--New York, Boston, Lowell-Lawrence, Washington, D. C., Chicago, St. Louis, East St. Louis, and Madison, Wisconsin. Relief milk participation: 140,000 families in 6 areas--New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans. Quarts distributed: School milk, 3.4 million quarts; relief milk, 6.2 million quarts.

Cotton Programs

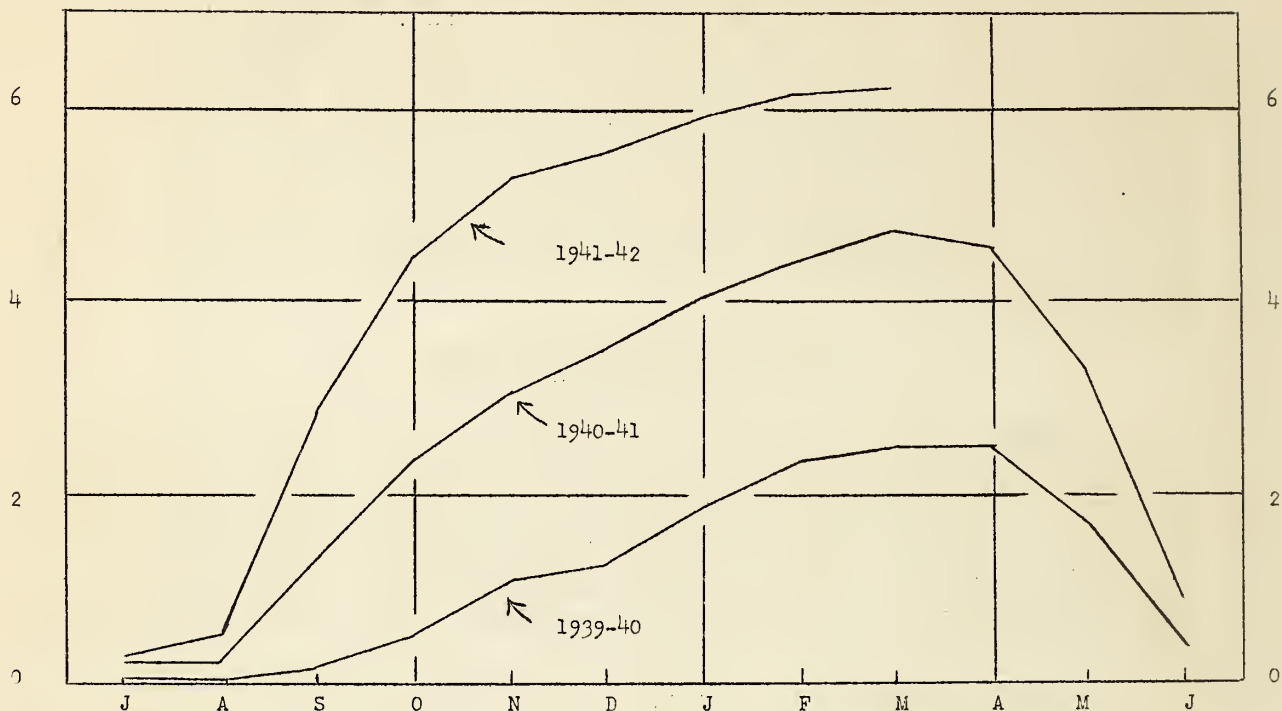
COTTON STAMP. 249,000 participants in 36 areas received 276,000 dollars in free brown stamps, a per capita average of \$1.11; cumulative issuance, July 1, 1941 through March 1942: 3.0 million dollars.

COTTON MATTRESS. A total of 65,000 mattresses and 85,000 comforters were distributed under this program in March.

SUPPLEMENTARY COTTON. Final cumulative figures for this program show a total of \$17,629,842 in white stamps were issued to 1,038,622 producers.

CHART 2. MONTHLY CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, JULY 1939-MARCH 1942

Millions
of
Children



Maximum number of Schools Participating during School Years: 1939-40 - 36,000
1940-41 - 67,000
1941-42 -(to date) 93,000

School Lunch Program

EXTENT. Participation: 6.2 million children in 93,000 schools, 22 per cent of total enrollment in the United States. In March of last year, 4.7 million children in 67,000 schools participated.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. 73 million pounds of foodstuffs with an estimated retail value of 6.1 million dollars were distributed. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the participating children were white flour, cereals, apples, fresh grapefruit, prunes, dry beans, canned pork and beans, and canned tomatoes.

TABLE 4. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN A.M.A. DOMESTIC FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS
BY STATE, MARCH 1942

Region and State	Persons in All Families				Persons in Families			Number
	Receiving A.M.A. Foods				Receiving A.M.A. Food Only			of
	Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program		Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program	Children Served by School Lunch
			Number	% of Total				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TOTAL	7,753,621	4,169,642	3,583,979	46.2	2,523,892	1,875,787	648,105	6,188,151
WESTERN REGION	547,945	73,621	474,324	86.5	18,790	11,883	6,907	661,896
Arizona	39,238	5,202	34,036	86.7	-	-	-	28,625
California	174,882	25,262	149,620	85.4	7,731	824	6,907	305,547
Colorado	77,838	33,088	44,750	57.5	10,891	10,891	-	38,778
Idaho	24,047	595	23,452	97.5	-	-	-	35,984
Montana	32,649	4,396	28,253	86.5	-	-	-	27,276
Nevada	2,837	938	1,899	66.9	-	-	-	3,497
New Mexico	37,121	269	36,852	99.3	-	-	-	48,498
Oregon	32,608	-	32,608	100.0	-	-	-	24,770
Utah	32,646	-	32,646	100.0	-	-	-	39,111
Washington	82,692	-	82,692	100.0	-	-	-	90,901
Wyoming	7,516	-	7,516	100.0	-	-	-	11,676
Hawaii	3,871	3,871	-	-	168	168	-	7,233
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,827,226	813,381	1,013,845	55.5	136,192	122,946	13,246	1,331,041
Illinois	318,948	179,120	139,828	43.8	4,308	3,908	400	154,471
Indiana	130,264	102,556	27,708	21.3	3,449	3,449	-	91,552
Iowa	125,533	37,842	87,691	69.8	9,748	9,720	28	78,410
Kansas	113,853	56,253	57,600	50.6	821	599	222	76,634
Michigan	183,356	52,308	131,048	71.5	2,753	2,308	445	185,562
Minnesota	162,309	-	162,309	100.0	7,015	-	7,015	187,694
Missouri	217,494	147,449	70,045	32.2	70,426	69,866	560	157,827
Nebraska	73,178	-	73,178	100.0	628	-	628	63,273
North Dakota	43,637	-	43,637	100.0	1,560	-	1,560	78,866
Ohio	255,439	124,328	131,111	51.0	20,352	19,473	879	89,896
South Dakota	49,963	8,972	40,991	82.0	637	34	603	60,515
Wisconsin	153,252	104,553/1	48,699	31.8	14,495	13,589/1	906	106,341 /1
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,470,796	636,191	834,605	56.7	131,463	70,187	61,276	1,115,633
Connecticut	22,613	14,645	7,968	35.2	3,304	2,271	1,033	33,575
Delaware	4,932	1,974	2,958	60.0	-	-	-	4,714
Dist. of Col.	20,595	20,595	-	-	-	-	-	10,278
Maine	36,163	-	36,163	100.0	18,347	-	18,347	43,123
Maryland	17,682	4,709	12,973	73.4	-	-	-	22,819
Massachusetts	245,729	147,870	97,859	39.8	60,893	46,094	14,799	144,300
New Hampshire	11,529	-	11,529	100.0	-	-	-	10,101
New Jersey	115,513	74,672	40,841	35.4	2,719	2,660	59	93,771
New York	575,510	99,086/1	476,424	82.8	28,625	1,626 /1	26,999	324,194 /1
Pennsylvania	239,529	112,509/1	127,020	53.0	-	- /1	-	325,108 /1
Rhode Island	21,017	4,060	16,957	80.7	68	68	-	2,648
Vermont	25,249	21,336	3,913	15.5	12,059	12,020	39	17,190
West Virginia	134,735	134,735	-	-	5,448	5,448	-	83,812
SOUTHERN REGION	3,023,269	1,766,173	1,257,096	41.6	1,355,767	790,495	565,272	3,006,394
Alabama	125,972	88,742	37,230	29.6	50,866	36,464	14,402	72,467
Arkansas	207,192	65,885	141,307	68.2	110,167	28,791	81,376	131,464
Florida	250,744	183,120	67,624	27.0	158,848	124,138	34,710	99,077
Georgia	259,835	222,132	37,703	14.5	98,425	87,629	10,796	511,093
Kentucky	379,445	342,673	36,772/2	9.7	224,639	214,939	9,700	111,930
Louisiana	186,586	57,348	129,238	69.3	28,498	3,464	25,034	199,766
Mississippi	199,964	77,189	122,775	61.4	142,990	51,240	91,750	325,223
North Carolina	197,812	144,304	53,508	27.0	86,552	61,913	24,639	221,373
Oklahoma	279,839	23,507	256,332	91.6	111,063	14,125	96,938	242,193
South Carolina	114,725	94,849	19,876	17.3	15,758	13,205	2,553	328,343
Tennessee	190,058	134,290	55,768	29.3	34,097	24,922	9,175	285,140
Texas	561,806	274,844	286,962	51.1	278,086	114,826	163,260	369,110
Virginia	69,291	57,290	12,001	17.3	15,778	14,839	939	109,215
Puerto Rico /3	880,276	880,276	-	-	880,276	880,276	-	71,245
Virgin Islands /3	4,109	-	4,109	100.0	1,404	-	1,404	1,942

/1 February figures. March figures not available. /2 Includes 2 counties in Region II.

/3 Not included in Southern Regional Totals.

